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Dear Mr Telfer

In reference to your application made pursuant to the *Freedom of Information Act 1991* (FOI Act), access was sought to:

“Access to the review into regional policing undertaken by SAPOL, mentioned by the Minister in his answer during Question Time on Tuesday March 7th 2023 as follows: “My question is to the Minister for Police, Emergency Services and Correctional Services. Has the review by the Premier’s taskforce into regional policing been completed and presented to cabinet yet? Thank you to the Member for Flinders for his question. The taskforce hasn’t completed the work undertaken as was put by the member. The review into regional policing was in fact completed, and that work was undertaken wholly and solely by the police commissioner and by police as is their operational imperative.”

This request is very broad in nature and without nominating a specific artefact, South Australia Police (SAPOL) consider the following documents as falling within the scope of your request. The documents are numbered and described in the following schedule. The schedule contains the details of the determination in compliance with section 23. In particular, note the grounds on which access has been refused, including the reasons which are contained in the schedule.

SA POLICE - FREEDOM OF INFORMATION UNIT SCHEDULE				
No.	Document Description	Status	Clause(s)	Reason
1	Regional Review - Regional Policing Model Consultation Paper April 2021	Full Release		
2	Regional Policing Model Stage 1 v1.0 - 2022	Access Refused	9(1)(a)(i) 9(1)(a)(ii) 9(1)(b)	This document details advice and recommendations to the Commissioner of Police for the purpose of decision making between SAPOL and other



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No.	Document Description	Status	Clause(s)	Reason
			1(1)(e)	<p>government agencies with regards to police resources and supporting an up-lift in operational capability within the regions. The information within this document does not represent SAPOL's final decision or outcome and is still being considered as part of its deliberations. It is in the public's interest to be informed of an agency's deliberative, consultative and decision-making processes in relation to decisions which have already been made. It is not in the public interest to be appraised of current & significant information and discussion on policies and practices still to be decided. Disclosure of such information, specifically this document, would undermine the decision-making process.</p> <p>This document is being considered as part of the Premier's Taskforce for the purpose of informing Cabinet deliberations and decisions.</p>
3	Premiers Task Force DPM RPM dated 7 March 2023	Access Refused	1(1)(a)	<p>This document has been specifically prepared by SAPOL for submissions to Cabinet through the Premier's Taskforce. The purpose of the taskforce is to make recommendations for future policing resources and other considerations. As this document has been specifically prepared for submission to Cabinet it is, by nature, exempt from disclosure.</p>

CLAUSES FOR REFUSAL

Clause 1(1)(a) of Schedule 1 of the FOI Act which states:

"A document is an exempt document if it is a document that has been specifically prepared for submission to Cabinet (whether or not it has been so submitted)"

Clause 1(1)(e) of Schedule 1 of the FOI Act which states:

"A document is an exempt document if it contains matter the disclosure of which would disclose information concerning any deliberation or decision of Cabinet"

Clause 9(1)(a)(i), 9(1)(a)(ii) & 9(1)(b) of Schedule 1 of the FOI Act which states:

"A document is an exempt document if it contains matter that relates to any opinion, advice or recommendation that has been obtained, prepared or recorded; or any consultation or deliberation that has taken place, in the course of, or for the purpose of, the decision-making functions of the Government, a Minister or an agency; and the disclosure of which would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest".

Your rights to review

If you are dissatisfied with this determination, you are entitled to exercise your right of internal review in accordance with section 29(1) of the FOI Act by completing a PD362 Application for Internal Review form, which can be downloaded from <https://www.police.sa.gov.au/services-and-events/freedom-of-information> or available upon request at your nearest police station. Alternatively, an application may be made in writing to the SAPOL Freedom of Information Unit. This application must be lodged within 30 (calendar) days after you receive this letter with a fee of \$39.00, if applicable.

Disclosure

In accordance with the requirements of Premier and Cabinet Circular PC045, details of your FOI application, and the documents to which you are given access, will be published on the SAPOL website Disclosure Log. A copy of PC045 can be found at https://www.dpc.sa.gov.au/__data/assets/pdf_file/0019/20818/PC045-Disclosure-Log-Policy.pdf. If you disagree with publication, please advise the undersigned in writing by 28 April 2023.

Yours sincerely



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30 March 2023